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STATES TO GET ADDITIONAL \$62 MILLION THROUGH FISH AND WILDLIFE FEDERAL AID

Over \$62 million in Federal Aid funds for sport fish and wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs has been apportioned for distribution by Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus. This brings to \$109.3 million the amount made available to the States this fiscal year by the Federal Government.

In fiscal year 1976 a total of \$85 million was made available to the States.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Lynn A. Greenwalt said these funds will be used by the States and governments of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa to finance fish and wildlife programs. Of the total funds available, \$84.4 million is for wildlife restoration and \$24.9 million is for fish restoration.

Federal Aid funds are made available to the States in two apportionments annually as tax receipts become available at the Treasury Department. This year a preliminary apportionment of \$47 million was made on July 1 for fiscal year 1977. The second apportionment, announced today, represents an additional \$62 million.

Funds for wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10 percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11 percent tax on certain archery

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equipment. Distribution of wildlife restoration funds is based on a formula which takes into account the number of hunting license holders and the area of each State. These funds may be used on approved State wildlife projects such as the acquisition of land suitable for habitat, development and management of habitat, and research to aid in managing game species.

Distribution of hunter safety funds is based on the relative population of each State and may be used for State hunter education programs, including construction, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges. The States, however, may also use these funds for wildlife restoration projects.

Fish restoration funds come from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies. Distribution of the funds is made according to a formula based on the number of fishing license holders and the area of each State, including coastal and Great Lakes waters. Activities performed by the States include the purchase of land and water areas, construction and rehabilitation of lakes, development of access sites and facilities for fishermen, and research to aid in management of sport fisheries.

The attached tables show the distribution of funds for fiscal year 1977.

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Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration
Fiscal Year 1977

Alabama	\$ 432,227
Alaska	1,242,500
Arizona	526,547
Arkansas	509,098
California	1,242,500
Colorado	591,324
Connecticut	248,500
Delaware	248,500
Florida	623,394
Georgia	493,369
Hawaii	248,500
Idaho	418,435
Illinois	608,615
Indiana	459,992
Iowa	410,035
Kansas	404,725
Kentucky	396,889
Louisiana	347,772
Maine	248,500
Maryland	248,500
Massachusetts	248,500
Michigan	857,258
Minnesota	929,297
Mississippi	344,656
Missouri	625,571
Montana	545,577
Nebraska	341,923
Nevada	388,345
New Hampshire	248,500
New Jersey	248,500
New Mexico	439,502
New York	609,840
North Carolina	401,958
North Dakota	265,710
Ohio	588,339
Oklahoma	496,357
Oregon	614,307
Pennsylvania	569,083
Rhode Island	248,500
South Carolina	282,596
South Dakota	299,445
Tennessee	526,314
Texas	1,242,500
Utah	442,122
Vermont	248,500
Virginia	332,581
Washington	469,306
West Virginia	248,500
Wisconsin	902,189
Wyoming	397,303
Guam	82,833
Puerto Rico	248,500
Virgin Islands	82,833
American Samoa	82,833
Total	\$24,850,000

**Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration
Fiscal Year 1977**

	<u>Wildlife Restoration</u>		<u>Hunter Safety</u>		<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 1,300,036	\$	257,008	\$	1,557,044
Alaska	3,695,000		105,000		3,800,000
Arizona	1,696,440		132,265		1,828,705
Arkansas	1,350,168		143,519		1,493,687
California	3,222,098		315,000		3,537,098
Colorado	1,841,546		164,708		2,006,254
Connecticut	369,500		226,268		595,768
Delaware	369,500		105,000		474,500
Florida	1,265,897		315,000		1,580,898
Georgia	1,443,496		315,000		1,758,496
Hawaii	369,500		105,000		474,500
Idaho	1,417,102		105,000		1,522,102
Illinois	1,619,969		315,000		1,934,969
Indiana	1,404,192		315,000		1,719,192
Iowa	1,418,693		210,808		1,629,501
Kansas	1,445,139		167,828		1,612,967
Kentucky	1,113,238		240,229		1,353,467
Louisiana	1,264,548		271,859		1,536,406
Maine	839,455		105,000		944,455
Maryland	527,142		292,694		819,836
Massachusetts	369,500		315,000		684,500
Michigan	2,663,329		315,000		2,978,329
Minnesota	1,921,547		283,939		2,205,486
Mississippi	1,246,904		165,429		1,412,333
Missouri	1,787,846		315,000		2,102,846
Montana	2,175,232		105,000		2,280,232
Nebraska	1,326,481		110,722		1,437,204
Nevada	1,427,986		105,000		1,532,986
New Hampshire	369,500		105,000		474,500
New Jersey	505,093		315,000		820,093
New Mexico	1,726,316		105,000		1,831,315
New York	2,189,628		315,000		2,504,628
North Carolina	1,490,308		315,000		1,805,308
North Dakota	1,045,993		105,000		1,150,993
Ohio	1,720,453		315,000		2,035,453
Oklahoma	1,375,777		190,975		1,566,752
Oregon	1,869,372		156,062		2,025,434
Pennsylvania	3,115,486		315,000		3,430,486
Rhode Island	369,500		105,000		474,500
South Carolina	803,657		193,308		996,965
South Dakota	1,266,088		105,000		1,371,088
Tennessee	1,572,102		292,826		1,864,928
Texas	3,695,000		315,000		4,010,000
Utah	1,474,993		105,000		1,579,993
Vermont	406,462		105,000		511,462
Virginia	1,368,437		315,000		1,683,437
Washington	1,514,404		254,396		1,768,800
West Virginia	881,185		130,157		1,011,342
Wisconsin	2,164,667		315,000		2,479,667
Wyoming	1,468,261		105,000		1,573,261
Guam	369,500		-		369,500
Puerto Rico	123,167		-		123,167
Virgin Islands	123,167		-		123,167
Total	\$73,900,000		\$10,500,000		\$84,400,000